

REMARKS

Claims 1-65 are pending. Claims 1-65 have been rejected as being based upon a defective reissue declaration. Claims 45 and 65 stand objected to because of informalities. Additionally, the specification amendment submitted on April 7, 2006 contains certain errors.

Claims 45 and 65 have been amended to correct the indicated informalities and the specification has been amended to correct the indicated errors. Additionally, a Supplemental Declaration is being submitted herewith. Therefore, Applicants believe claims 1-65 are now in condition for allowance.

SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION

As an initial matter, Applicants would like to thank the Primary Examiner for indicating that claims 1-65 would be allowed once the above objections are overcome and a Supplemental Declaration is provided. Please find the Supplemental Declaration enclosed herewith which has been signed by the Assignee and which includes the language suggested by the Primary Examiner. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-65 should be withdrawn.

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

The Office Action indicated two errors found in the amended specification submitted on April 7, 2006. Inadvertent "underlining" was found in the previously submitted amendment at approximately line 7. This "underlining" was actually caused by a copier/printer malfunction and was not supposed to appear in the amendment. Therefore, a clean version of the paragraph, without the inadvertent "underlining," is being submitted. Additionally, due to a typographical error, two

periods surrounding "TM" on line 5 of the previous amendment were submitted. These periods should not have appeared in the amendment and were not part of the printed patent. Therefore, these periods have been removed from the amended specification. As the specification amendments are to be submitted vis-à-vis the original patent, the above two errors are not shown in the amended specification.

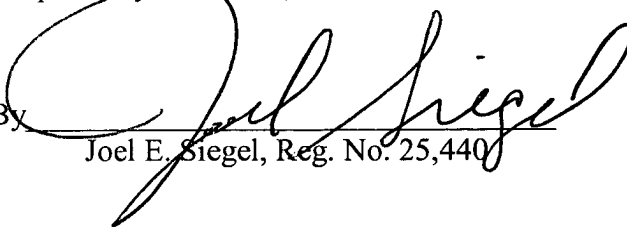
CLAIM OBJECTIONS

Claims 45 and 65 stand objected to as the language "that comprises" constitutes improper Markush language. These claims have each been amended to recite "selected from the group consisting of" in place of the phrase "selected from a group that comprises." Therefore, Applicants believe that claims 45 and 65, as amended, include appropriate Markush language.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, in view of the above amendments and the enclosed Supplemental Declaration, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections and objections be withdrawn and that claims 1-65 be allowed. Should it be necessary, Applicants' undersigned attorney requests that the Primary Examiner contact him by telephone to deal with any other matters that may arise in connection with the completion of the prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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